

APPROVED AS AMENDED BY THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

**MINUTES
TOWN OF DARIEN
SPECIAL MEETING**

June 21, 2004

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

A special meeting of the Board of Selectmen was held on June 21, 2004 at the McGuane Field meetinghouse. First Selectwoman Evonne Klein called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. Present were Selectmen Harrel, Miceli, Santarella and Thorne; and Town Counsel Wayne Fox and Administrative Officer John Crary.

1st SELECTWOMAN'S REPORT

Evonne Klein spoke of the following:

Triathlon

Annual event at the Sullivan's on Five Mile River Rd. It has been approved in the past. This year it is Saturday 26 June.

SHELLFISH

Met last Thursday with Representatives from the DEP, aquaculture, Advisory Commission on Coastal Waters. We need a policy on shell fishing. The goal is to write and adopt a policy that will keep our waterways healthy. The ad hoc committee includes Sandy Mc Donald, Bud Raleigh, Vince Proto and I. We need to have the policy in place before Nov. 1st.

OPC

Met on Thursday and discussed having a budget review – how to make the budget process better, more functional etc.... representatives from the 4 boards and RTM are welcome. The meeting is scheduled for Wed., June 30th at 9:00 my office.

DPW PROJECTS

On Friday, John Crary, Bob Steeger and I went into the field to investigate complaints from residents. We will be following up with their concerns in a timely fashion.

DOWNTOWN IMPROVEMENTS

On Tuesday, July 6th at 10:00 the Main Street consultant will be meeting with Jeremy Ginsberg, Carol Tamme, Capt. Lovello, Tom Geary, Dan Dolcetti and myself to discuss the downtown business district.

HOT TOPICS

Air Conditioning at MMS – The BoE voted to install half this year and next. Total is \$300,000. This funding is separate than the funding would be to purchase the Procaccini

Property. As a former BoE member who voted for years to support the funding for the AC at MMS, I share the frustration.

Biking on Brookside Dr.- This issue has not gone ignored. The Chief and I have had several conversations about what has been done, what can be done. The Chief has taken action. As follows:

- 1) contacted the CDOT garage supervisor to secure the state-owned property;
- 2) The DPD has spoken to the families on Brookside Dr and are optimistic the activity will lessen;
- 3) Asked the DOT supervisor to inspect and install no trespassing sign on DOT property;
- 4) I have spoken to the President of the Association to ascertain whether or not the neighbors have concerns.

Potholes- under the rail bridge have been filled.

Overall, all departments of the Town Hall have been very responsive. It shows in the town.

CL&P – Assure the public that they will be included in the conversation about the Glenbrook Cables Project. Theoretically, the projects go before the siting council so they will come out better projects. We now have the necessary representation so that we are part of the process.

Stairs to pedestrian access way at NHts. – being repaired.

UPCOMING EVENTS

MMS and DHS Graduations tomorrow.

Speaking at the IMPACT luncheon on Friday.

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

John Crary said that due to the Town's interest in purchasing our streetlights CL&P was asked to provide an inventory of all of Town lights. CL&P has completed their audit and determined that over the years a number of changes to both street light locations and the size of the light fixture had occurred that were not reflected on their bills to the Town. The net affect of all additions, deletions and modifications to their records was a monthly decrease in charges to the Town of approximately \$800. Secondly, CL&P is in the process of going back over the past six years and will develop a refund for overpayments that the Town has made in the past.

NEW BUSINESS

- The members of the Board discussed the proposed agreement with the Darien Board of Education for Technology Services for 2004/05. Bob Harrel moved, seconded by Linda Santarella to approve the agreement. Approved unanimously. Barbara Thorne said that this was cooperative agreement that has worked very well for both parties.
- The Board discussed a letter from the Parks and Recreation Commission regarding permitting the use of the lower parking lot at the Senior Center for a Skate Park. Linda Santarella said that the property abuts a residential neighborhood and noise would be a factor

at this location. She was opposed to this site. Bob Harrel asked the Parks and Recreation Commission for other options and wanted to know where else they had looked. Barbara Thorne said this was not a good site and she was also opposed. Joe Miceli said that the noise from the facility would be significant and he agreed with the conclusions of the other members of the Board. Evonne Klein said that she agreed that it was not a good location. It was also suggested that in the future PRC provide more information to permit a more positive review of the subject.

- The Board reviewed the proposed changes to the application fee for ZBA applications. Barbara Thorne moved, seconded by Joe Miceli to set the ZBA application fee at \$135 with any State of Connecticut surcharge to be added to this base. The effective date to the change to be July 11, 2004. Approved by a vote of 4 to 1.
- Evonne Klein said that when she took office she stated that it was her plan to permit all members of the Board of Selectmen the opportunity to serve as Acting First Selectman. She thanked Bob Harrel and recommended that Joe Miceli be appointed as Acting First Selectman until November 2004. Moved by Linda Santarella, seconded by Barbara Thorne and approved unanimously.
- Linda Santarella moved, seconded by Joe Miceli to appoint Evans Kerrigan (R) as a member of the Monuments and Ceremonies Commission, filling the term of Henry Sanders expiring on 11/30/04. Approved unanimously.
- Bob Harrel moved, seconded by Linda Santarella to reappoint Cathy Coudert as Darien's representative to the Board of Directors of C-Med
- Barbara Thorne moved to approve the following budget transfer, seconded by Joe Miceli and approved unanimously.

Noroton Fire Department

Transfer to cover costs for repairs to Marine Unit 34 motors and other misc. repair work.

RESOLVED:

That the following transfer of appropriations is approved for referral to the Board of Finance:

From:			To:		
Acct. No.	Account	Amount	Acct. No.	Account	Amount
A0333423-83016	Turnout gear	1267.00	A0333422-82027	Marine Repair & Maint	1267.00
	TOTAL	1,267		TOTAL	1,267

PUBLIC COMMENT

No one present had any comments.

8:15 p.m. A motion was made by Barbara Thorne to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, pending litigation, property acquisition and contract negotiations. Seconded by Joe Miceli and approved unanimously.

The Board reconvened in public session at 9:45 P.M. and took the following actions:

- Barbara Thorne moved, seconded by Linda Santarella to appoint Michael Cattano (R) as a member of the Parks and Recreation Commission, for a term expiring on 3/31/07. Approved unanimously
- Barbara Thorne moved, seconded by Joe Miceli to appoint Shirley Nichols to the Board of Directors of the South Western Regional Planning Agency, approved 4-0, with Linda Santarella abstaining.

Adjournment

On a motion made by Mrs. Thorne and seconded by Dr. Miceli, it was unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

John N. Crary
Administrative Officer